following major units in the country tor R&D and Extension support:

(i) 3 Central Sericulture Research & Training Institutes.

(ii) 1 Central Technological Research & Training Institute.

(iii) 15 Regional Sericulture Research Stations.

(iv) 64 Research & Extension Centres.

(v) 262 Chawki Rearing Centres.

(vi) 21 Silk workSeed Production Centres and 14 Basic Seed Farms under the National Silkwork Seed Pro ject.

(vii) 20 Basic Seed Multiplication Tasar Centres.

Besides, the Intensive Sericulture Development Projects are being implemented in the States of West Bengal, Orissa and the North-East Region.

Hike in textile prices

1395. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming spurt in textile prices in the country during the last three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTC has increased the price of Janata cloth;

(c) whether the poor people in the country have been severely affected due to hike in textile prices; and

(d) if so what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) NTC produces controlled cloth. There has been no increase in the prices of controlled cloth after 1st October, 1987

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Working of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution

1396. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERIEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of performance of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution so far; and

(b) what was the degree of pollution before the Board was constituted and what is the degree now, with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE INISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARt): (a) The performance of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution is related to its objective.; of promoting cleanliness of streams and wells and improving quality of air and preventing, controlling and abating air pollution in the country. The performance of the BoaTd so far includes the following:

(i) National water quality monitoring net-work to ascertain the water quality status of rivers and lakes has been set »P.

(ii) National ambient air quality monitoring network in cities has been setup. (iii) Industry specific Minimal National Standard (MINAS) for effluents and emissions have been evolved.

(iv) National inventory of water pollu ting industries to ascertain the statu regarding effluent treatment plants in the large and medium sector industries ha been prepared.

(v) River basin studies to assess an monitor water quality and propi management of water rasources hay been conducted.

(vi) The Ganga river basin studies ha' been conducted in depth resulting in tl preparation of the Ganga Action Pl for preveniion and control of pollutii in the Ganga.

(vii) Water quality in sea coasis being monitored.